



• OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE •

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| Weekly collection for 11/16/25..... | not available |
| Weekly budget goal | \$3,425.00 |
| Difference | n/a |
| CSA 2025 Assessment Goal | \$30,504.00 |
| CSA Pledges to date | \$30,845.00 |

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR CHURCH!

POPE'S INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER
For the Prevention of Suicide

Let us pray that those who are tempted to commit suicide might find the support, care, and love they need in their community and be open to the beauty of life.



Pray the Rosary everyday to obtain peace for the world. Join us at St. Joseph Church each Tuesday at 6 p.m.

Baptismal Training Sessions 2025

November 25th 6:30 pm St. Marys Church 814-781-1019

*THIS WILL BE THE LAST CLASSES UNTIL 2026

Faith Formation: Students in Grades K-5 will meet for class in the Faith Formation bldg. on Sunday, Nov. 23rd following 9:15 am Mass. No Edge and No Purpose.

THANKSGIVING MASS will be celebrated on Wednesday, November 26th, at 7:00 pm. Please bring a non-perishable food item or a monetary donation to place at the altar after the homily. These donations will be given to the Christian Food Bank in St. Marys. Thank you for your generosity!

A Family Perspective Today's Gospel reminds us the Kingdom of Heaven is not like Disney's Magic Kingdom. Admission to Christ's Kingdom is paid with the currency of acceptance, forgiveness, attention to the poor, and love of one's enemy.

Eco Tip #195: CLOTHING

EASY: Have any clothing that is too worn to wear or pass on? Turn it into cleaning rags.

CHALLENGING: Take care of the clothing you already have. Of course wash your clothes, but one use doesn't always mean it's dirty and needs washing. Spot clean as needed. Mend and patch to extend life.

The Concert Choir of Elk County

will present "O Come and Sing of Christmas" on Tuesday, December 2nd @ St. Leo Church in Ridgway and again on Saturday, December 6th @ Sacred Heart Parish in St. Marys. **BOTH** concerts will begin at **7:00 p.m.** and will be followed by refreshments and fellowship in the parish cafeteria. Please come and help us usher in the Christmas Season.



Cantor, Musicians, Choir, and Environment

In this weekend's message, I would like to continue to share about Liturgical Music in Church.

Music and singing is a ministry close to my heart because it has been a part of my life for many years. It is important to know that the cantor and choir with the assembly, help the community to be in full, active participation during the Mass. The **cantor, musicians, and choir** are all very much needed in order to enable the assembly of people to sing in the best possible way. The musicians give us the melody and the tempo of the songs. During this time, the cantor is singing the Sacred Scriptures and, with the choir, leads us to sing these Sacred Words together, back to God. An example of this is the Psalm Response at Mass.

The next Liturgical Ministry is the preparation and setting up of the **Sacred Environment**. This work, done by the **sacristan**, is preparing the Church for meaningful and inspiring worship as we celebrate the Eucharist together. It involves the placing of the banners, flowers, wreaths, candles, incense, and plants in the proper places in order to enhance the beauty of the particular Church seasons such as Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter.

In addition, special icons and statues of saints are highlighted and placed in the sanctuary for special devotion. A special candle, such as the Paschal Candle, is reverenced and lit during the entire Easter Season and is placed in different areas, such as during a Baptism and funerals. The **Environment** can be done by people working together: the pastor, sacristan, liturgy committee, sound technicians, and other volunteers.

My brothers and sisters, we deeply appreciate our cantor, musicians, choir, and sacristan.

You might have the ability to sing or play an instrument at Mass. If so, please let us know. Also, you may want to help out with the environment. If you are interested, please let us know.

God Bless, Father Mark

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

| Date | Intention | Requested by | Celebration | Scriptures |
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| Monday, November 24, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass | Helen Prechtl | Barb & Dave Lease | Saint Andrew Dũng-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs | Dn 1: 1-6, 8-20 Lk 21: 1-4 (503) |
| Tuesday, November 25, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass | Eddie Zuchelli | Donald & Nancy Chiappelli | Weekday <i>Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr</i> | Dn 2: 31-45 Lk 21: 5-11 (504) |
| Wednesday, November 26, 2025 7:00 p.m. Mass | Deceased members of the Frank Winkler Family | Tom Winkler Family | Weekday | Dn 5: 1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 Lk 21: 12-19 (505) |
| Thursday, November 27, 2025 No Mass THANKSGIVING DAY  | | | Weekday | Dn 6: 12-28 Lk 21: 20-28 (506) |
| Friday, November 28, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass | Gerald Klaiber | Joe Sexton | Weekday | Dn 7: 2-14 Lk 21: 29-33 (507) |
| Saturday, November 29, 2025 No a.m. Mass | | | Weekday BVM Here ends the Year of Grace 2025 | Dn 7: 15-27 Lk 21: 34-36 (508) |
| Saturday, November 29, 2025 5:30 p.m. Mass | Living & Deceased members of St. Joseph Church | | Vigil of First Sunday of Advent | (see below) |
| Sunday, November 30, 2025 9:15 a.m. Mass | Terry Asalone | Jim & Debbie | FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT | Is 2: 1-5 Rom 13: 11-14 Mt 24: 37-44 (1) |

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Prayer to Christ the King

O Lord our God, You alone are the Most Holy King and Ruler of all nations. We pray to You, Lord, in the great expectation of receiving from You, O Divine King, mercy, peace, justice, and all good things. Protect, O Lord our King, our families and the land of our birth. Guard us, we pray, Most Faithful One. Protect us from our enemies and from Your Just Judgment. Forgive us, O Sovereign King, our sins against You. Jesus, You are a King of Mercy. We have deserved Your Just Judgment. Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us. We trust in Your Great Mercy. O most awe-inspiring King, we bow before You and pray; May Your Reign, Your Kingdom, be recognized on earth. Amen. (My Catholic Life!)

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